

York Town Board Meeting
June 24, 2010

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates, Frank Rose Jr. and David Deuel

Absent: None

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Tr. Pl. Op.), George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent), Anne Sapienza (Town Assessor) and Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the June 10th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Anne Sapienza:

Town Assessor, Anne Sapienza asked to speak with the Board this evening to discuss her office hours for the months of June, July and August. Mrs. Sapienza stated the summer months tend to be quite slow if she is not actually in a re-evaluation year, and asked the Board to consider allowing her to bypass her Monday morning hours here in York, in order to spend time in her other towns. Mrs. Sapienza commented her time could be better spent working in townships that need more of her at this time, York has been rather quiet through the summer months but once the fall season is upon us, she would return to the Monday morning schedule, when the workload becomes greater. Mrs. Sapienza added even though she may not be in the office on Mondays, the office staff is always able to reach her by telephone or email if needed, always having her laptop with her. Mrs. Sapienza stated to the Board she feels she has always put the taxpayers first, taking care of all aspects of their needs and believes taking the ½ day off per week through the summer will not hinder anything. Next year will be a reval year for York and Leicester, so more time will be required in those townships, but until then it is very slow in each.

Supervisor Deming asked each Board Member their thoughts or concerns regarding Mrs. Sapienza's request.

Councilman Rose asked if a resident is unable to meet with her on Tuesday, would she be willing to make other arrangements. Mrs. Sapienza responded she would be willing to meet a resident if Monday is the only option. Another possibility could be to meet after her scheduled hours Thursdays in Leicester on her way home.

Councilman Gates also commented if the residents are being taken care of and Mrs. Sapienza's workload is minimal, he does not see a problem taking Mondays off to work in her other towns, knowing we will need the same next year.

Councilman Deuel asked Mrs. Sapienza if she is taking time off in any of her other towns. Mrs. Sapienza replied she is not taking time off in her other towns because she works only one day in each, with exception in York & Bergen which has the additional half day, and Bergen is in their reval year. Councilman Deuel suggested with the new telephone system at the Town Hall, Mrs. Sapienza needs to post her office hours on her voicemail so when a resident leaves a message they know her schedule in advance. Mrs. Sapienza agreed and added with the new system she can access all messages from any location.

Supervisor Deming commented he feels Mrs. Sapienza has done a great job for the Town of York. She was hired at a very difficult time and has been a wonderful asset to the Town, and more importantly the residents. We have to be understanding of Anne's schedule especially when she is in a re-evaluation year, there has to be give and take with each of the towns in order to make it work.

Council Member Parnell asked Mrs. Sapienza if the additional half day (Mondays) are needed if the workload is minimal. Mrs. Sapienza replied the day is needed once September comes, because it gets very busy in the fall, and added she will probably need assistance through the winter. Mrs. Parnell commented she still has concerns regarding the time off because if a resident wishes to stop and speak with Anne she will unfortunately miss them.

Mrs. Sapienza informed the Board she recently met with the New York State Retirement System about the feasibility of retiring within the next 2 ½ years. She is currently working with a young lady in Bergen who is continuing her education to become an Assessor, and wanted to inform the Town Board of a potential option.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose allowing Town Assessor, Anne Sapienza permission to be off Monday mornings for June, July and August, as long as she is employed with the Town until her retirement. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-1.

Gerald L. Deming	Aye
David Deuel	Aye
Norman Gates	Aye
Frank Rose Jr.	Aye
Lynn Parnell	Nay

7:50 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter to include: Town Board, Town Attorney, Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:03 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

HIGHWAY

1) Mowing:

Mr. Worden reported his department continues to stay busy mowing roadsides throughout the township. At the last Town Board Meeting, Council Member Parnell asked about the State's time table for mowing their roads, which now they have begun to do so.

2) Fireworks:

Mr. Worden stated the Highway Departments from Leicester and York will be preparing the grounds for the fireworks at York Central School on Wednesday of next week.

3) Truck repair:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of repairs made to truck #10. In order for the truck to pass inspection the front and back springs needed to be replaced, totaling roughly \$1,800.00.

4) Valley Fest:

Mr. Worden stated he was approached to place the Valley Fest banner and asked when the committee would like to have it up by. Supervisor Deming replied that the committee indicated their wish to have it up by the 4th of July celebration in order to advertise the festival when the greatest number of people will be traveling through our town.

5) Zoladz Construction Co.:

Mr. Worden stated he spoke with a representative from Zoladz Construction Company recently regarding their continued efforts of reclamation repairs at the former Retsof Salt Mine site. Zoladz indicated after the repairs have been completed they assured us that all restoration will be their responsibility, including the lawns across from the Mine.

6) Road Sweeper:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of another piece of equipment he bid on through the government surplus site. An airport road sweeper (16 feet wide) became available, normally priced at \$ 60,000.00, Mr. Worden bid \$ 300.00 for it, and seems to have the

winning bid at this time. If we decide to follow through, the equipment is located in Dayton, Ohio, which will be another lengthy road trip.

WATER/SEWER

1) Leak:

Mr. Barrett stated Rural Waters was out to the area earlier this week to assist us in locating and pin pointing the leak at the corner in Piffard. After a lengthy search we believe we have determined the area, and expect them to return next week to assist in correction. Mr. Barrett added, if the maps of the area are accurate we should only have to contend with the force main for depth purposes.

2) Meters:

Mr. Barrett conveyed to the Board that the department finished reading all water meters for the July billing cycle this week and should have all re-reads completed within the next few days in order for Mrs. Messina to prepare the bills. Mr. Barrett informed the Board he asked a gentleman from SENSUS to give us a quote for a new read gun that could store up to 99 reads at a time, then download to the computer, we are roughly looking at the \$ 900.00 range.

3) Lift stations:

Mr. Barrett reported we have continued to experience issues at two lift stations. The station on Route 36 across from Davies Nagel's home and the Chestnut Street station. On Route 36, the rotating element had to be removed and replaced along with a new impeller, which we believe should put it back in proper working order. Chestnut Street station had a few issues as well, and discussed the possibility of installing a grinder pump in the lift station, which normally runs about \$ 1,900.00.

Mr. Barrett also informed the Board of two additional lift stations taking on large amounts of grease to the units. The station outside of the treatment plant, across from the Capa Lounge and the station on Flats Road, near the Yard of Ale restaurant, continue to have issues.

OLD BUSINESS

1) NYS Retirement resolution:

a- Standard Work Hours:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of York hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security #	Registration #	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Months (based on Record of Activities)
ELECTED OFFICIALS							
Supervisor	Gerald L. Deming	752	39377569	6	1/1/2008-12/31/2011	N	9.5
Town Clerk	Christine M. Harris	251	36132611	6	1/1/2008-12/31/2011	N	20
Board Member	Lynn Parnell	9449	38480067	6	1/1/2010-12/31/2013	N	2.74
Hwy. Supt.	George R. Worden	7472	42221531	8	1/1/2008-12/31/2011	N	20
APPOINTED OFFICIALS							
Dep. TC/Justice	Norma Geary	8210	14445670	6	1/1/2010-12/31/2010	N	20
Assessor	Anne Sapienza	7568	14233225	6	Term expires 9/30/2013	N	6.67
Code/Zoning Officer	Carl Peter	7021	40921983	6	1/1/2010-12/31/2010	N	14.48

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0

2) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel reported he attended the Ag Plan and American Farmland meeting last week on the 15th, in Batavia, with roughly 55 people. Mr. Deuel stated Mt. Morris and Geneseo have applied for grant funding, Lima is done and Groveland is up for approval. Mr. Deuel commented that the committee will be asking the Town Board if they want them to apply for grant funding, knowing that the basic steps and mapping have already been completed. The committee will continue to work on farm relations, but will wait until a Consultant is in place before any further action. Councilman Deuel added after speaking with the committee regarding potential grant funding, if we decide to apply, it is probably 2-3 years away.

3) NYS Dog Licensing:

Clerk Harris informed the Board of the recent action taken by the Governor and our State Representatives. For several months Town Clerk's have discussed the rumor that New York State Ag. & Markets will be relinquishing their role for dog licensing due to lack of funds. The legislature passed this week adoption of such action and effective January 1, 2011 each Town will be responsible for their own dog data base and workload for renewals and other duties pertaining to licensing of dogs. Mrs. Harris expressed her disappointment in the State that they could unload a burden of theirs onto the individual towns, knowing we will have greater expenses to contend with along with additional workload. Livingston County Town Clerk's Association has been quite busy trying to gather the information needed to make the best decision for our area. As discussed previously, one option is to have the Town's prepare their own data base, which we are not actively pursuing. A second option came before us at the conference in April from

BAS, whom many of us purchased our Town Clerk's software and abstract programs through. BAS made it clear they would like to take over the State system and work with the Clerks to keep the dog licensing program viable, which we would welcome. Mrs. Harris stated she will be attending a meeting Tuesday in Bath, hosted by BAS representatives, and will keep the Board informed as the information becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Website Quote:

Council Member Parnell and Councilman Deuel stated they met this week with Robert Deming of GV Web Marketing about ideas and options for the Town website. Mr. Deming stated he was aware of our current website and asked if he could discuss ways to improve the site. Mr. Deuel stated Mr. Deming reviewed the benefits of his company and the monthly fees involved. The most interesting feature is the ability to track who is visiting the site and where they are located, allowing us to see if we are reaching our residents as well as "visitors" to our township. Mr. Deuel stated Mr. Deming's quote for the year totaled \$ 900.00, and in 10 months with Design FM we have spent \$ 1,000.00. Council Members Parnell and Deuel commented they were very impressed with the presentation.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Sewer Districts	# 91-99	\$ 8,220.89
Consolidated Water	# 126-133	\$ 3,173.46
General Fund Claim	# 203-223	\$ 14,744.62
Youth Fund Claim	# 8	\$ 1,500.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 106-111	\$ 5,945.80

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until July 8th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk